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IRWIN, AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST, ON HILL SATURDAY

Samuel Hopkins Adams, '91, Instrumental in Securing Famous Writer for Lecture Course.

WILL SPEAK ON THE WAR

This is Irwin's Debut as Collegiate Lecturer, it is Believed. Record Crowd Probable.

Will Irwin, newspaper writer and author, recently returned from the scene of the European war where he acted as correspondent for the Saturday Evening Post and other magazines, is scheduled as the next Myers lecturer. He will speak Saturday evening in the Chapel on the war situation as he saw it.

Adams Made Arrangements.

Mr. Irwin's fame as a writer is so general that the College feels particularly fortunate in being able to secure him. The efforts of Samuel Hopkins Adams, '91, were enlisted in making possible his coming. The arrangements were made during the Christmas vacation, and the lecture here Saturday night is the result.

As a change from the manner of presentation which has marked previous lectures of the course, Mr. Irwin will give an impression of his own. The College men who have heard of his coming are delighted, and everything points to a record-breaking attendance next Saturday evening. Mr. Irwin's articles for some of the current magazines in regard to the war have attracted a good deal of attention here as elsewhere, and naturally the students feel privileged at being able to meet their author.

Since his return about a month ago from the seat of the foreign war, Mr. Irwin has resumed his busy habits as a magazine writer, and has done some lecturing in New York. This will be his first excursion as a collegiate lecturer, it is believed.

Mr. Irwin was born near here, at Oneida, graduated from Leland Stanford University in 1899 and immediately embarked on his literary career as an associate editor on the staff of the San Francisco Wave. He later became editor of this paper, leaving it to become a member of the staff of the San Francisco Chronicle. Since that time he has held the positions of reporter to the New York Sun, 1904-6, managing editor of McClure's Magazine, 1906-7, and a staff writer for Collier's Weekly, 1907-8. He has also written a number of books of fact and fiction, has published a volume of verses, and is at present a large contributor in articles and short stories to the leading periodicals. His "Confessions of a Con Man" are well remembered. Mr. Irwin is a member of the Bohemian Club of San Francisco, the Cave Dwellers Club of Chicago, and the Players Club of New York.

PLANS TO HAVE FLAWLESS PRODUCTION

Frank Lea Short Says Presentation of "Believe Me, Xantippe" will Approach Perfection.

Mr. Short, the coach of the Charlatans, arrived here on Saturday to look over the situation and observe the progress made by the cast. He declared himself well satisfied with the work done since his last visit. Thro lack of time, the rehearsals have been few and far between, but Mr. Short expressed himself as on the whole extremely well satisfied with the progress made by the various members of the cast.

Well Pleased.

In an interview Mr. Short said, "The men are getting into the spirit of their parts admirably. As a whole the work is infinitely better than the majority of amateur work, and I think that the final production should be almost flawless. There is still, however, a tendency to let the play drag a little in parts, but this fault is being rapidly overcome."

During this visit Mr. Short has been devoting most of his time and putting most of his energies into developing the third and fourth acts. On his former visit the first part of the play received the bulk of his attention. Four separate rehearsals were held during his brief stay.

Mr. Short will return on the 31st of this month. At that time he will hold several finishing-up rehearsals in the New Century Auditorium in Utica, where the play will be staged. He will remain thru Prom to see the final production.

BUTLER IS NOT COMING ON MYERS COURSE

Word Comes that Columbia's President Will Not Lecture. Attempt to Secure Cobb.

The announcement was made yesterday that Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, has canceled his engagement to lecture here on the Myers Lecture Course. The reason for Dr. Butler's inability to keep the appointment is not given.

Immediately after word was received that Dr. Butler would not be one of the Myers speakers, an attempt was made to secure Mr. Irvin S. Cobb, writer on war topics for the Saturday Evening Post. The attempt was unsuccessful, as Mr. Cobb is too busy with his regular duties to accept the offer.

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SCHEDULE COMPLETED WITH ROCHESTER

Slate for Track Season Includes Intercollegiates, Union and Rochester Meets.

PENN RELAY IN APRIL.

Big Intercollegiate Event to Take Place Soon After Easter Recess. Interclass Meet Early.

The track schedule, as it will be submitted to the Faculty next week for official approval, will be completed by a meet which has just been arranged with Rochester, to take place here on May 15. As it stands at present the schedule will include two dual meets, the annual Intercollegiates of the N. Y. S. I. A. U., and trip to the Pennsylvania Relay Race Carnival by the half-mile relay team. The dates of the meets are given below:

Apr. 23, 24. Pennsylvania Relays.
May 8. Interclass Meet.
May 15. Rochester at Clinton.
May 22. N. Y. S. I. A. U. at Utica.
May 29. Union at Clinton.

Two Innovations.

This schedule includes two innovations, the entry in the Penn. Relays, and the holding of the Intercollegiates in Utica. The decision to send a relay team to Philadelphia to compete in the most important of intercollegiate track meets was due to the unusually good short-distance material which the team possesses this season. With Captain Lee, and Potter, '15, and Squires, '17, as three of the relay men, a first-class showing can be made. Candidates for relay work got in some practice this fall, and they will be put to work again on the indoor track directly after mid-years, to give plenty of time for getting into condition.

Hamilton will take charge of the Intercollegiate Meet this spring for the first time in about ten years. For want of proper facilities in Utica it has been the custom in recent years to hold the meet at Hamilton under the auspices of Colgate. This year Manager Thorne will direct the meet, which is to be held on the Deerfield Park race track in Utica.

Interclass Meet Early.

The Interclass Meet is held earlier in the season than has been the case in the past. The new arrangement was made at the suggestion of Coach Risley, that the meet may act as try-out for track men, without bringing two meets in the same week for the members of the regular team.

Risley has promised to be on the Hill several times before Easter to help the relay practice, and will start regular practice on the outdoor track the week after the Easter recess.

One advantage of the schedule as arranged is that the meets are all to take place on the home ground. Last year, especially at Union, the team was handicapped by running on

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EVERYTHING READY FOR BIGGEST SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

Committee Has Completed Plans for Junior Week on February 1st, 2nd, 3rd.

ZITA WILL BE DOWNSTAIRS.

Orchestra Will Not Play in Balcony, as Formerly. Charlatan Performance at New Century.

THE PROGRAM.

Feb. 1.

Monday: Presentation of "Believe Me, Xantippe," by the Charlatans at the New Century Auditorium.

Alpha Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Emerson Literary Society entertain.

Feb. 2.

Tuesday: Junior Prom. at 8:30 p. m. in Soper Gymnasium.

Feb. 3.

Wednesday: Musical Clubs concert in Commons Hall, 2:30 o'clock. Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Phi, Chi Psi, and Delta Upsilon entertain.

The mind of youth is already beginning to turn to the gay lights and variegated interior decorations that will turn the Gym into a Bower of Bliss for the 1916 Prom. The committee's planning labors are practically complete, the Musical Clubs are steadily stirring harmony in Commons Hall rehearsals, and the Charlatans are parading in sock and buskin with enthusiasm that promises great things—and Junior Prom is fast approaching.

February 1, 2, 3.

The big time is scheduled for February 1, 2, 3. Then the hill, snow-capped and scintillating with myriad diamond points of frost will reverberate with the melody of stringed instruments, while the care of study will be forgotten—but, well, of course you know all about it, if you have listened to Zita, and if you haven't, there is still time enough left to get in on the 1916 Prom.

Altho exam time is the big time right now, there are numerous individuals about the Hill who are able to look over the Slough of Despond, and into the glories of the City of Prom, and if you happen to strike any of them on your daily path they will have something very fine to tell you about the aforesaid scenery. Of course, now is the time to bring in that trite bromide about the "best Prom ever," but the 1916 committee wouldn't stand for it. The simple fact of the matter is that this year all previous records are going to be broken. When the last strains of "Carissima" die away on the close of the big event, if there is any man

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TRIALS FOR DEBATE TEAMS TO BE HELD NEXT FRIDAY

Over Twenty Men Will Compete Before Debate Council for Inter-collegiate Places.

BIG CONTEST MARCH 25th.

Arrangements Completed for Three-Cornered Meet the Week Before Easter.

"Resolved, that the naval strength of the United States be materially increased," will be the statement of the proposition for the Triangular Debate on March 25. This is the wording as submitted by Hamilton, and agreed upon by Bowdoin in a letter just received by Prof. Lewis. Wesleyan is yet to be heard from, but is not expected to make any objections. The schedule for this year and the next two years, as drawn up in the new agreement is as follows:

1915.	Affirmative	Negative
At Brunswick	Hamilton	Bowdoin
At Clinton	Wesleyan	Hamilton
At Middletown	Bowdoin	Wesleyan
1916	Affirmative	Negative
At Brunswick	Wesleyan	Bowdoin
At Clinton	Bowdoin	Hamilton
At Middletown	Hamilton	Wesleyan

The 1917 schedule is the same as that of '15. The chief change in this schedule and that of former years is that the affirmative team goes away instead of the negative.

Bowdoin has also consented to the suggestion of Hamilton and Wesleyan to do away with the central committee at New York City. This committee of three, composed of an alumnus from each college, has been deemed unnecessary, and hereafter all business will be done directly between the representatives of the three colleges instead of first going through the hands of the committee.

The try-outs for the team at Hamilton will be held Friday, Jan. 15 at 7.30. If there is not time enough to finish them that night, they will be continued on Saturday, Jan. 16 at 2:00. Over twenty upperclassmen are expected to compete. The speakers may uphold either side, and will be allowed six minutes for advanced speech with a four-minute rebuttal.

It is not known yet whether there will be an Inter-class Debate or not. The Debate Council has dropped the matter entirely, and if a debate is held it must be under student direction. In former years Interclass Debate has been in the nature of a preparation for the Intercollegiate.

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NEW YORK ALUMNI BANQUET NEXT FRIDAY

Professors Morrill and Wood Will Represent the Faculty at Annual Big Feed.

Next Friday evening will be held the annual dinner of the New York Alumni Association. At present all indications point to a large attendance. Professors Morrill and Wood will represent the Faculty, and it is expected that Dr. Stryker will also be present. Judge Blackmar, '74, who was elected president in place of Dr. Dwight Holbrook, '75, who resigned, will preside.

An account of the first New York Hamilton Alumni Dinner, published in the Hamilton Literary Magazine for February, 1869, is interesting in the light of this week's dinner. This was the first time that a college outside of New England had held such a banquet. The festivities took place in the Old Astor House.

Ex-Governor and Senator-to-be Hawley, '47, was present as the representative of the press. Judge Charles P. Kirkland, 1816, presided. President Brown was the first speaker and he was followed by Dr. North, representing the Faculty. Dr. Henry A. Nelson, '40, represented the clergy; Theodore W. Dwight, '40, the bar; General John Cochrane, '31, represented the "boys in blue."

ARTICLES BY ADAMS.

Samuel Hopkins Adams, '91, is now writing a series of articles against bad advertising. These articles will appear in the New York Tribune. The Tribune has given Mr. Adams absolutely no restrictions and permits him to use illustrations of bad methods from the Tribune itself if they can be found.

MATH SCHOLARSHIPS.

Dr. Stryker announced in Chapel last Friday morning the founding of a memorial of the late Dr. Owen Root, Jr., to furnish two Junior Prize Scholarships of \$100 each to the two Juniors who have the highest class standing in Mathematics for the first two years of the course and are electing mathematics for Junior year. Members of the present Sophomore class are eligible for these scholarships. In addition to the two scholarship \$500 has been appropriated for the purchase of more books for the mathematical shelves of the library and working models for the class rooms.

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EDITORIAL.

The next edition of Life will be issued on Wednesday, February 3rd.

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A Stitch in Time.

The perennial bromide bidding everyone to prepare for examinations is due; this year it seems peculiarly apropos to make that suggestion as strong as possible. In the midst of all the campaigning for a larger Hamilton, it is well sometimes to remind the College that one of the best ways to reach that El Dorado of all our hopes is to keep the men who are already here. At this moment there are men in College, not all of them Freshmen, who are "on the edge." The work they do from now until examinations may determine the length of their stay here. The best campaigning that can be done for Hamilton right now is sedulous study on the part of every man, and painstaking supervision on the part of the upperclassmen of the work of the Freshmen.

There are several tangible methods of making everybody's preparation for examinations more thoro. One is to keep away from Utica. Another is to eliminate card-playing. A third is to discontinue night eating. Something more than a week remains before the examinations commence. For that period every man can forego the pleasures of the theatre and the card table and the palate. Such sacrifices would save time that might well curtail delinquencies. Let the midnight oil burn!

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The Myers Lectures.

Life cannot too highly commend the efforts of the committee which is securing this year's Myers lecturers. The announcement has recently been made that Will Irwin is to be the next lecturer. Later John Bates Clark of Columbia University, will deliver a speech from the Chapel platform, according to an announcement made before the Christmas recess. Already the College has heard with profit Professor Wambaugh, of the

Harvard Law Faculty. Such a series reflects great credit upon the men who have the course in charge, as does the timely, up-to-the-minute subject which has been selected for the entire series.

DEPUTATION A SUCCESS

Kimball, '15, Bergner, Gardner, Mattoon, '16, Griffith, '17, Beach, and Kennedy, '18, assisted by Prof. Daniel Chase and Connell, '12, made a deputation trip to Chadwicks on Dec. 17. These men were assisted by the local Y. M. C. A. and the Methodist Church in making the a complete success.

GIFT A MISTAKE, SAYS MR. ROGERS

College Treasurer Says John D. Did Not Give Money to College. Offer Made 5 Years Ago.

The announcement has been made by Treasurer Rogers of the College Board of Trustees that the alleged donation of \$200,000 by John D. Rockefeller is an error, and that he has heard nothing of the money which many of the newspapers of the country reported had been given. Such an offer was made five years ago, says Mr. Rogers, but he knows nothing of any recent gift.

K. P. ELIGIBLE LIST.

The men eligible to write Clark Prize Orations are as follows: Prize Speakers, Clark, Hulbert, Goode-nough, Jessup, Johnson, Keddy, Kimball, LaForce, Lee and McNair; additional one-fifth Erhardt, Ogilvie, Potter, Sherwood and White.

JOHNSON, '15, OPERATED ON.

Wallace B. Johnson, '15, successfully underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Faxon Hospital in Utica Monday afternoon. The operation came as the result of an illness of three or four hours. He is now reported convalescent, and will be back on the Hill in a few weeks.

—A Faculty member handed the following to a Life reporter: "Great yellow edition! Contribution to the next number: That notorious red sweater of the Romance Department was sent in a box to Belgium. A poor Belgian soldier wore it and thus made himself a brilliant target for the German bullets. A special announces his death. Surely 'habent sua jaba'—not only 'libella,' but also—ask Prex what the Latin is for sweaters."

—The first meeting of the newly-elected Executive Council will be held in Silliman Hall, Monday, January 18th. This will be the most important meeting of the year as the estimates are to be considered and appropriations are to be made. All Managers are requested to make their estimates and to hand them to the Treasurer before this time.

—Handanian, '18, now accompanies the Freshman gym. classes on the violin. Prof. Chase is at present instructing his classes in dancing the Hornpipe, Highland Fling, etc.

—After the lecture on Saturday refreshments will be served in Commons to the faculty and students.

EVERYTHING READY FOR BIGGEST SOCIAL EVENT OF YEAR

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to be found of such leathern hide as to say Prom wasn't the biggest and best thing he ever attended, a cold shower in the pool won't begin to approach the fate that will fall upon him. That is the platform upon which the committee stands, and it is as good as a guarantee.

Zitz Downstairs.

Chairman Robson announces that Zita will be located on the main floor at Prom. Zita himself favored the change both as making possible better music and an opportunity to stir up the "pep." Jack Jessup has been gathering music in New York during vacation, and with the new pieces of Zita's, the selections will be unsurpassed.

W. J. Branton, of the Roberts store, Utica, has been awarded the contract for decorating the Gym. His plans are being kept strictly under the hat, but there will of course be lots of new ideas put on in proper shape. The Prom-ite will not be able to recognize the Gym of his Daniel Chase training when the decorator has finished.

Tunbridge will cater, as formerly, on condition that he puts one over on himself in the line of past performances. Those were the best terms that the committee could make with him, but they seem to be more than satisfied with the arrangement. Gee says he will come up.

Program Being Printed.

E. A. Wright, of Philadelphia, is now doing the printing of the programs. They are tastily made up with about the same matter as was in last year's. The cover is different, done in dark brown leather with an effective design in the form of a block H. The Charlatans will give their play Monday of Prom week, and the Musical Clubs will render their program at 2.30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in Commons.

All Prom-ites will keep a keen eye on the future, and inasmuch as it is essential to avoid flunking out to have the satisfaction of the big event, will be found these days assiduously bohning. The converse of this, however, is not true. Some of 'em persist in mooning around in front of a fireplace, and for them a little verse which we thought up for this issue will be excusable. A student is supposed to be talking with a lady of his acquaintance. He remarks:

"I am like a ship at ea,
Exams are near, and I much fear
I will a failure be."

"Love," murmured she, "a shore
I'll be

Come rest your journey o'er."
Then darkness fell, and all was well,
For the ship had hugged the shore.

SCHEDULE COMPLETED WITH ROCHESTER?

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an unfamiliar track.

Trinity Considered.

Before the final arrangement of the meet with Rochester some negotiations were carried on with Trinity, but the management felt the desirability of preserving friendly relations with the former institution, and considered the Rochester meet preferable for that reason.

Spice of Life

Bill Squires: "I congratulate you upon your consistency."

Dink: "Thank you, you see I—"

Bill: "Yes, you haven't said anything right yet."

Chauncie: "Say, Pat, I'm deucedly tired of waiting around heah. Give me a stamp."

Pat: "How'll you have it, licked or unlicked?"

Buy your candy at the Bookstore.

—Adv.

Frosh Jones just lost a front tooth trying to taste some of it.

As we went Lu Lu-Fadoing to press last night at 60 minutes past 11 o'clock, the door burst open, and our old friend Redgie C. stumbled in, waving his arms feebly, all the while muttering something to himself. Something was wrong, for his face was cut gashedly on one side, he was torn and bleeding.

"What is the matter?" asked G. Wm., his big brown, socialistic eyes quite full of concern.

Redgie fell into a chair, and just before he fainted mumbled:

"Relie of barberism."

The Eyes Have It.

Jas. Eye and Altio Eye, of Independence, Kansas, have a divorce.

—Kansas City Journal.

Three U. of Chicago students were pinched for bombarding lamp-posts with bum-rum bullets.

"Where's your lawyer?" asked the judge.

And the three stewds opened their yawps and answered in concert:

"Yer honor, we ain't got no lawyer, we have decided to tell the truth."
—Exchange.

With Chauncie in New York.

Her: "How are you getting on at college?"

Hank: "Oh, all right. I'm trying awfully hard to get ahead, you know."

Her: "Well, you certainly need it."

REVISED SONGS.

"Die Wacht am Rhein."

Like clash of wave, like thunder peal,
I hear the voice of Super squeal,
"To class, to class, to German class,
Who'll be today the greatest ass?"
Oh Super dear, don't worry much,
Firm sleeps and true the class in Dutch.

His yells resound, and with each sneeze,

The windows rattle in the breeze,
To class, to class, to German class,
We each will be the biggest ass.
So Super dear, don't worry much,
Sweet sleeps and loud the class in Dutch.

A Tragedy in Four Acts.

(Soft Music.)

Act I.

Bull and three matadors.

Act II.

Bull and two matadors.

Act III.

Bull and one matador.

Act IV.

Mm. Gow.

LAST LIT. NOT SO GOOD AS PREVIOUS NUMBERS

Dr. Ristine Finds December Publication Slightly Inferior to Oct and Nov. Productions.

Friends of "Lit." have had reason to congratulate this year's editorial management for instituting some very sensible legislation for the better conduct of the magazine. Thanks to the new regime, from now on each member of the board must do a stated amount of regular contributing or forfeit his place. Thus very simply the merely decorative editor is eliminated, and the burden of the magazine distributed over a group and not thrown on an individual. This scheme, coupled with the plan adopted last spring for election to the staff, ought to insure the maximum of efficiency for the magazine, tho naturally the full benefits of these innovations cannot be realized immediately.

That the present "Lit." board has proved its efficiency in other ways as well is better attested by the first two numbers of its issue than by the last. It is only just to add, however, that if this, the December number, falls below standard as a whole, it can safely be commended for at least one commendable contribution.

"The Talisman" Good.

It was a happy thought that led Mr. Homer Davis to investigate the history of the early student publications of the College. His account of "The Talisman," the forerunner of "Lit.", in the early thirties, is of genuine historical interest, not only to Hamilton men but to all interested in the literary conditions of the early nineteenth century. "The Talisman" harks back to a time when for poetry Scott and Byron were the popular idols, but for prose the traditions of the eighteenth century continued strong. Thus the Spectator papers are very evidently the models for these student editors of almost a century ago, and the ponderous style of Dr. Johnson not yet thought antiquated. Perhaps there is other material of this sort hidden away in the early archives of the College that would equally repay investigation. Mr. Davis' article is a piece of straightforward prose, with little to quarrel with stylistically. It is strange that the ambiguity in the last sentence escaped both him and the editor.

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clearly belongs to Mr. Groves, whose "Snowdrift," the introductory poem, splendidly reproduces the spirit and cadence of Shelley's "Cloud." An occasional infelicity in the lines is compensated for by the really good figure of the third stanza.

Mr. Fenn's prose is usually considerably above his verse, tho perhaps in this issue the discrepancy is not so glaring. The "Lullabye" is an acceptable poem of its kind, in spite of the conventional character of some of its diction and the fact that the rimes of the refrain, sleep, deep, peep, blest, rest, have probably done duty in lullabies from time immemorial. The "Magi of Cathay" is another one of the same writer's good Chinese stories. The secret of successfully treating a theme of this sort lies in the sustained handling of a simple and dignified prose. This style is so well maintained in general that the reader experiences a shock whenever it breaks, as for example, when he meets the words of Mr. Greeley's famous advice coming from the mouth of one of the Eastern patriarchs.

Keddy's Translation Worthy.

Of the other major contributions none calls for special commendation, unless it be Mr. Keddy's blank verse rendering of "The Lament of Prometheus." The translator might compare his work with the more faithful version of Mrs. Browning to see how she has reproduced the emotional variations of the passage suggested by the shorter anapestic lines. The essay, "John Bunyan's English," really does not need the caption "Sophomore prize essay;" no one would take it for anything else. Its author has collected more material than he can well digest, and in discussing specific points of Bunyan's diction he is obviously beyond his depth. An essay of this sort raises the question of the advisability of assigning subjects for writing competitions in the treatment of which the student must depend on second-hand information. Had the conscientious effort here expended been directed into some other channel, the result might have been different. Of two short stories, one by a Freshman and the other by a Senior, the underclassman bears away the palm, such as it is. "The Rejection of Peace," a too obvious allegory on the present war, is wholly

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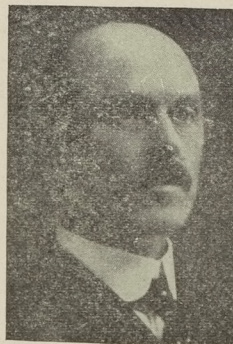
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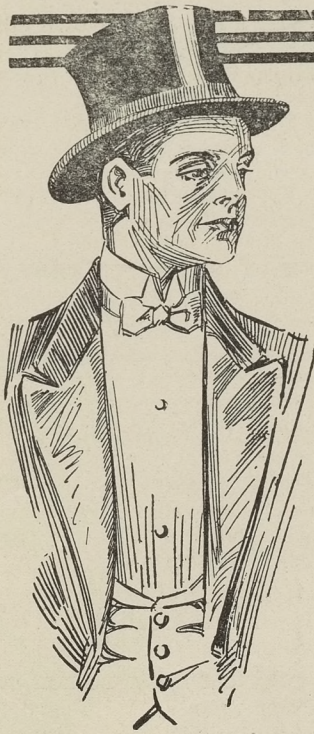
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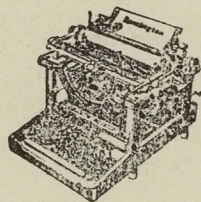
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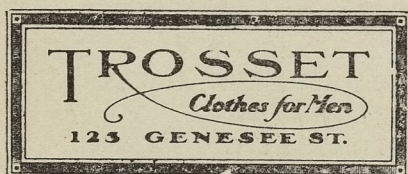
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ROOT, '12 GETS MEDAL FOR BRAVERY

Lieutenant at Philippine Constabulary is Honored for Courage in Battle.

Lieutenant Donald S. Root, '12, of the Philippine Island Constabulary has recently received a medal for services of conspicuous gallantry. Root sailed for the Philippines two years ago last September, directly after graduation. That he has made good is evident from the tales of his achievements which drift back every now and then from his post.

The battle in which he especially distinguished himself occurred in December, 1913. A serious uprising of the Moros had occurred, and Lieutenant Root was sent out with a small command. At the first encounter with the enemy Root was seriously wounded in the stomach. He did not collapse, however, but staggering forward, and bracing himself against a tree, he directed the operations of his men until the Moros had been routed. Thereupon he fell unconscious.

Root was most highly commended by his superior officers, and in their opinion his extreme valor and fortitude had much to do with the victory of the Constabulary over the Moros. The wound received proved much more serious than at first supposed, and three operations were necessary to remove the lead. He has now fully recovered.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Gould, Jr., have announced the birth of a son, S. S. Gould, 3rd

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ished Within That Time.

"ALT HEIDELBERG" SECURED.

Permission to Use Famous Song is
Finally Given. Publication
to Contain 108 Pages.

Announcement has been made by Johnson and Lee, '15, that the much delayed debut of the Song Book is rapidly approaching, those in charge having completed final arrangements for the first edition. Contracts have been let to Biglow & Main, of New York, for the first printing. The only detail not definitely decided is the material for the covers, but it is thought that the binding will be of dark blue leather with appropriate inscriptions and the College seal on the front.

Probably Six Weeks More.

The publishers still refuse to set any definite date for the appearance of the book, but now that actual work has commenced in setting music it is thought that the project can be rushed to completion. There will be 95 pages of plates of which two-thirds are already set up. It is estimated that six or eight can be finished each week. It is thought, therefore, that six weeks will see the completion of the book. Then will come the task of correcting the proofs, but complete arrangements have been made for hastening this detail. After corrections by Mr. Main of the publishing house, corrections will also be made by Lee and Prof. A. P. Saunders. The finished product will be a book well worth preserving, for everything will be of the best. The paper is 9 1/2 by 11 inches, of a soft India tint, while the printing will be in a dark-blue ink. Altho the paper is not the usual kind for music, the brand has been previously used in college song books, because it is stronger and adds bulk without weight. In the 108 pages there will be 70 songs.

"Alt Heidelberg" Secured.

Much difficulty has been encountered by the managers in securing publication rights to a number of songs. Permission to use "Alt Heidelberg" was granted only after many overtures to the owners of the copyright. It is the second publication of the song since its issuance several years ago in connection with the "Prince of Pilsen." The permission to use the "Stein Song" also cost a considerable sum. In fact, Mr. Johnson, who is financing the proposition, expects to spend about \$1,000, but he may recover this if the rights are sold.

The first edition will be of about 400 copies, and an active canvas will be made to place these in the hands of undergraduates and alumni. The price will be about the same as for the Hamiltonian.

—Abbott, '10, S. W. Jones, '11, and Dorrance, '12, were on the Hill during the past week.

—Warren I. Lee, '99, took up his duties as First Deputy State Comptroller January 1st.

ALPHA DELT AND THETA DELT TEAMS LEAD IN BASKETBALL

Final Round of Interfraternity Season Opens With the Leaders Still Undeclared.

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Delta U.	2	2	.500
Psi U.	1	3	.250
Deke	1	3	.250
Sigma Phi	1	3	.250
Chi Psi	0	4	.000

With the Interfraternity Basketball season drawing to a close, keen rivalry and consistent practice have brought Alpha Delt and Theta Delt to the fore, neither team having lost a single game. The date for the big game has been set—Jan. 15, and some good stuff is promised.

Monday night both the leading teams were seen in action, the Alpha Delt vs. the Sigs, and the Theta Delt vs. the Dekes. The games were in strong contrast with each other. In the Alpha Delt-Sig contest there was practically no fouling, and a fine exhibition of basketball, while the other was a scramble, with the Theta Delt coming down on top. Monty Gow developed an eye for the basket which brought the game to his team. McLouth did all the scoring for the Dekes.

For the Sigs, Pope did some fine work, while P. Jessup played a good game at center. Otto starred for the Alpha Delt, and with Banks, netted the majority of the baskets. The game was a good one, marked by clean and neat play on both sides. It showed that the Alpha Delt have the strongest bid for the title when it comes right down to real basketball. The line-ups:

Alpha Delt: Otto lf, Higgins rf, Banks c, Covert lg, Knowles rg.

Sigma Phi: Pope lf, J. Jessup rf, P. Jessup c, Page lg, Kennedy rg.

Field baskets: J. Jessup 1, P. Jessup 1, Banks 3, Covert 1, Knowles 2. Time of halves, 10 and 12 minutes. Referee, McLouth; timer, McMillan.

Theta Delt: Paige rg, M. Gow lg, W. Gow c, Getman lf, Pendleton rf. Dekes: McLouth rf, Gardner rg, Burritt c, Aldrich lf, Donoghue lg.

Field baskets: Paige 1, W. Gow 3, McLouth 1. Time of halves, 12 and 15 minutes. Referee, J. Whitcombe; timer, McMillan.

Last Friday night the Psi U's defeated the Chi Psi by the score of 24 to 18 in a close and interesting game. Very few fouls were called. During the first half the playing was ragged, and at the end of the period the score was 17-4, the Chi Psi being unable to find the basket.

In the second half the Chi Psi completely reversed things and outplayed their opponents, scoring 14 points to the Psi U's 7. The Chi Psi were gaining rapidly on the leaders when the whistle stopped the game. Russell showed up in good form for the winners, shooting 6 baskets and 2 fouls. Hill did good work for the Chi Psi, scoring 8 points.

The line-up: Chi Psi, Hill rf, J.

INDOOR PRACTICE TO BEGIN AFTER PROM

Capt. Erhardt Announces That Coach Toerner Will Be Here the Second Week in February.

As soon as Prom is over, active work will begin with the baseball team. During the vacation Captain Erhardt saw Coach Toerner, who said he would be up here the week after Prom. At that time he will start off the pitchers and the indoor work.

This year Toerner will especially emphasize speed on the bases. Bunting practice in the cage for all members of the team will start about the middle of March. Capt. Erhardt also saw Jack Miller, the ground keeper of the Polo Grounds during the vacation. "Jack" will be up here early in the spring to finish up the job of putting the diamond in shape.

Owing to his serious illness, some doubt is expressed as to Johnny Evers' coming up to look things over, but it is hoped that he will be able to do so.

SYRACUSE ALUMNI BANQUET

A Hamilton dinner was held December 29th at the Wolcott, Syracuse. A. B. Davis, Principal of the Mt. Vernon High School, was chosen president, and as such presides at the next banquet. J. D. Erskine, '12, was elected secretary. Dr. Stryker and Professors Chase, Lewis and Marsh were representatives of the faculty. Dr. Stryker and Professor Chase made addresses. Baumer spoke in behalf of the undergraduates.

LAST LIT. NOT SO GOOD AS PREVIOUS NUMBERS.

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uninspired. Nor does the sad parody of the witch scene in "Macbeth" add anything. Allegory is a difficult form to handle, and nowadays doubtfully worth while reviving, in spite of its casual vogue on the modern stage.

The other contents may be briefly dismissed: a well written editorial with the only Christmas thought of the issue, a book review, and the usual pages of alumni necrology. It is not unfair to add that thruout the number the eye of even the unceremonious reader must be offended by recurring errors or infelicities of composition that careful editorial oversight could correct. And there is the exasperating omission of a table of contents mentioned by the last reviewer. The cumulative effect of all these little things is well worth the editor's attention.

—A letter by Senator Root on "Democracy and Peace" appeared in the January issue of the American Review of Reviews.

Whitcombe lf, Root c, Lyon lg, L. Whitcombe rg.

Psi U., Shields lg, Russell rg, Fursman rf, Weed lf, Calkins c.

Score at end of first half, 17-4. Length of halves, 15 and 12 minutes. Referee, Banks. Baskets, Russell 6, Hill 4, Fursman 4, Root 2, Weed, J. Whitcombe, L. Whitcombe, Lyon. Fouls, Russell 2.

CHESTER S. LORD WILL WRITE FOR YEAR BOOK

He Makes the Fifth Alumni Contributor. Half of Book in Hands of Printer.

Word was received this week that Chester S. Lord, '73, formerly with the New York Sun, and one of the world's most distinguished journalists, will write for the Hamiltonian on the subject, "What Hamilton means to me." This makes the fifth article that will be published in this series of the 1916 book. The other contributions are by Samuel Hopkins Adams, '91, James A. Seavey, '90, Henry Kitchell Webster, '97, and Senator Elihu Root, '64. These articles form one of the most interesting departments of the new book, making an unusual departure from the former publications. The board undertook this step with the view to interest sub-Freshmen and furnish alumni with something which they will highly treasure.

Many Campus Views.

Alumni will never have, declares the Board, a more representative book available than 1916's. Besides the alumni contributions, six full page views of the campus will be printed, and all College departments will be displayed as attractively as possible. In attempting these departures from the beaten path, the Hamiltonian board is taking a long step, but feels that it will be more than repaid for its efforts when the vital worth of these features becomes recognized. Undergraduates will find all their activities displayed in the usual fashion with some innovations. Alumni will be especially interested in authoritative articles by Hamilton's leading alumni telling why Hamilton is the College of their choice. The value of this information cannot fail to be recognized by alumni of several years standing who have sons of their own whom they wish to send to the Hill. To sub-Freshmen such authorities as Senator Root and the others will carry a message straight from the shoulder.

Representative Book.

Add to the ordinary features the testimony already mentioned, pictures of the campus, music of "Carissima," and other features, and the Hamilton man of the present or future will have a reference book of inestimable value in the 1916 book. A strong appeal will be made to all Hamilton men to get behind the labors of the editors. A fairly strong response has already been made, especially from the alumni who have maintained close connection with the work of the College. Others will realize the unusual effort which the Junior Class men are making in compiling a book so distinctly of a reference nature, and as a valuable reminder of College days. Alumni living too far from the Hill to get back for Commencement may find a wealth of comfort in these pages.

To Be Out in May.

The first half of the book, including the photos and drawings, is now in the hands of the printers. The work is safely under way and assurances are given that the book will be issued by the first of May, if not sooner.